

**Subsistence Living in the Vicinity of Salem and Hope
Creek Nuclear Generating Stations**

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As part of the Environmental Justice analysis, TtNUS identified minority and low-income populations within a 50-mile radius of Salem and Hope Creek Nuclear Generating Stations. Also, TtNUS identified environmental impacts associated with the continued operation of Salem and Hope Creek Nuclear Generating Stations.

In response to an audit request from NRC, in February 2010, TtNUS contacted local government officials, staff of social welfare agencies, and community-based aid programs concerning subsistence living (see attached telephone logs). Geographical coverage focused on the region surrounding the Salem and Hope Creek Nuclear Generating Stations site.

The anecdotal responses from these social service agencies or community-based aid programs, identified no unusual resource dependencies or practices such as subsistence agriculture, hunting, or fishing through which the populations could be disproportionately impacted by the operation of Salem and Hope Creek Nuclear Generating Stations.

These interviews support the conclusion that few, if any, subsistence living activities occur near Salem and Hope Creek Nuclear Generating Stations. Agency representatives reported that activities such as hunting, fishing, and gardening are done for recreational purposes, or to supplement current food supplies rather than for subsistence. Agency representatives reported that most low-income individuals rely on government and/or community aid programs rather than fishing, hunting, or gardening. With respect to migrant workers, agency representatives reported that migrant workers do not engage in subsistence fishing, hunting, or gardening because local farmers provide the majority of their food, shelter, income, and transportation.

TELEPHONE LOG

Date/Time of Call: February 17, 2010 12:30pm.

Topic: Subsistence Living Activities in the vicinity of Salem and Hope Creek Nuclear Generating Stations

Personnel Involved in Call (and contact info.)	Company/Organization
Thomas Ottinger, Volunteer, Phone #: 856-935-4192	Harvest Time Pantry (Church/Food Pantry)
Nicole Hill	Tetra Tech NUS, Inc.

Summary of Conversation:

I asked Thomas if, in his work at the Harvest Time Pantry or in the community, he has observed subsistence living activities in the region. Thomas responded that he was not aware of populations that engage in hunting, fishing, or gardening to subsist, and described these activities as done for sport/hobby.

Thomas stated that most low-income families receive aid from the government or other charities within the area. His church provides a food distribution 1 time per month. The church also provides shelter, transportation, clothing, job training/searching assistance, and education. They have seen an upswing in need since the economy has turned sour. Among other plant closings, a couple of automobile manufacturing facilities in the area have closed. However, despite the economic downturn, he has seen no evidence of subsistence living.

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TtNUS representative: Nicole Hill

TELEPHONE LOG

Date/Time of Call: February 16, 2010 1:00pm.

Topic: Subsistence Living Activities in the vicinity of Salem and Hope Creek Nuclear Generating Stations

Personnel Involved in Call (and contact info.)	Company/Organization
Rebecca "Becky" Nnadi, Cancer Education Coordinator, Salem County Cancer Coalition, Phone #: 856-935-1912	Salem County Health Department
Nicole Hill	Tetra Tech NUS, Inc.

Summary of Conversation:

I asked Becky if, in her work at the Salem County Health Department or in the community, she has observed subsistence living activities in the region. Becky responded that she was not aware of populations that engage in hunting, fishing, or gardening to subsist, and described these activities as done for sport or hobby in the region, especially fishing.

Becky stated that most low-income families receive aid from the government or other social service agencies/charities within the area, like food banks, and the Puerto Rican Action Committee. She referred me to the Puerto Rican Action Committee to obtain information about migrant populations in the area.

Becky stated that there are migrant populations in the area that are supported by the local farming community. Local farmers grow tomatoes, strawberries, asparagus, corn, peaches, and apples. These farmers provide employment, temporary housing, and transportation for their workers. The temporary housing is usually on the farms, or in the rural areas of the county. A small concentration of this housing is located in the outskirts of Penns Grove. The farmers transport their migrant workers, many of whom are Hispanic, to local Hispanic grocery stores to buy much of their food and supplies.

Becky also referred me to Marilyn Bickle, Director of Public Health Nursing at the Salem County Health Department, for information about the occurrence of subsistence living populations in the region.

Becky is also faxing me a list of food banks in the area.

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TtNUS representative: Nicole Hill

TELEPHONE LOG

Date/Time of Call: February 17, 2010 11:00am.

Topic: Subsistence Living Activities in the vicinity of Salem and Hope Creek Nuclear Generating Stations

Personnel Involved in Call (and contact info.)	Company/Organization
Gayle, Employee, Phone #: 856-455-6910 (Note: Gayle declined to give me her last name or title)	Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Indians of New Jersey
Nicole Hill	Tetra Tech NUS, Inc.

Summary of Conversation:

I asked Gayle if, in her work at the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Indians of New Jersey or in the community, she has observed subsistence living activities in the region. Gayle responded that she was not aware of populations that engage in hunting, fishing, or gardening to subsist, and described these activities as done for sport or hobby in the region. She speculated that, at most, people might do it to supplement their food supplies. However, she was adamant that no one engaged in subsistence living activities for the majority of their food supplies. Also, she indicated that current hunting and fishing laws would probably prohibit one's ability to hunt and fish enough to sustain this type of lifestyle.

Gayle stated that most of the population she encounters in her work and community have jobs or receive aid from the government or other social service agencies/charities within the area.

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TtNUS representative: Nicole Hill

TELEPHONE LOG

Date/Time of Call: February 16, 2010 2:00pm.

Topic: Subsistence Living Activities in the vicinity of Salem and Hope Creek Nuclear Generating Stations

Personnel Involved in Call (and contact info.)	Company/Organization
Stephanie Holmes, Human Resources Manager, Phone #: 856-299-5800	Puerto Rican Action Committee
Nicole Hill	Tetra Tech NUS, Inc.

Summary of Conversation:

I asked Stephanie if, in her work at the Puerto Rican Action Committee or in the community, she has observed subsistence living activities in the region. Stephanie consulted with Karen Richards, Program Coordinator (head of case management), and responded that, neither she, nor Karen, were aware of populations that engage in hunting, fishing, or gardening to subsist.

Stephanie stated that most low-income families receive aid from the government or other social service agencies/charities within the area, like food pantries. She referred me to the Salem County Board of Social Services for more information.

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TtNUS representative: Nicole Hill

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Date/Time of Call: February 17, 2010, 2:00 pm

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Personnel Involved in Call (and contact info.)	Company/Organization
Evelyn Brown, Administrative Assistant, Phone #: 856-935-2538	United Way - Salem
Nicole Hill	Tetra Tech NUS, Inc.

Summary of Conversation:

I asked Evelyn if, in her work at the United Way or in the community, she has observed subsistence living activities in the region. Evelyn responded that she was not aware of populations that engage in hunting, fishing, or gardening to subsist, and described these activities as done for sport or hobby in the region.

Evelyn stated that most low-income families receive aid from the government or other charities within the area. The United Way's primary mission is to provide funding to other social service agencies. In addition to this, the United Way has programs that: help people with taxes, distribute food, provide Christmas assistance, etc.

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TtNUS representative: Nicole Hill

TELEPHONE LOG

Date/Time of Call: February 16, 2010 2:50pm.

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Personnel Involved in Call (and contact info.)	Company/Organization
Bonnie Bennett, Supervisor of Services Unit, Phone #: 856-299-7200	Salem County Board of Social Services
Nicole Hill	Tetra Tech NUS, Inc.

Summary of Conversation:

This agency administers welfare, food stamps, Medicaid, and emergency assistance to residents of Salem County. I asked Bonnie if, in her work at the Salem County Board of Social Services or in the community, she has observed subsistence living activities in the region. Bonnie responded she is not aware of populations that engage in hunting, fishing, or gardening to subsist. She said it isn't a question that they ask. But, even in her team's interactions with their clients, they have not encountered any clients that have mentioned that they engage in subsistence living activities.

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Personnel Involved in Call (and contact info.)	Company/Organization
Theresa Tilton, Visiting Nurse, Phone #: 856-678-4341	Pennsville Visiting Nurses Association
Nicole Hill	Tetra Tech NUS, Inc.

Summary of Conversation:

I asked Theresa if, in her work at the Pennsville Visiting Nurses Association or in the community, she has observed subsistence living activities in the region. Theresa responded that she was not aware of populations that engage in hunting, fishing, or gardening to subsist, and described these activities as done for sport or hobby in the region.

Theresa stated that most low-income families receive aid from the government or other charities within the area. The people she visits are primarily elderly and do not hunt or fish. They may garden as a hobby. Theresa maintains that, out in the community, the people she sees hunting and fishing are doing it for sport.

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